

THE COPYE OF THE SELF SAME VVORDES, THAT MI LORD

Sturton spake presently at his Death, beyng the. vi. day of March, in the yere

of our Lorde. 1558. amonge the people as his Confession, desiringe the people to take

Examp^{le}. by hym, and to kepe no Enuy in their hertes

for that is the roote of all euylles.



Deepest people, I am come hither to dye, I am come hither to dye, and iustly Condemned for mine offences by the law, what myne offences were I am sure you vnderstand, whiche was for a most cruell and detestable murder by my comendement don and comitted, wherfore I shal desire you al for goddes sake to let mee be an Ensample to you al, and to al the worlde and beware that yee lette no malice take roote in your hertes, for that is the bitter dystoiler of al vertue, I shal desire you al, and al the worlde, to forgiue me, and speciallye those pooze women, Childzen, and kinnsfolke, of them whom I haue caused so cruelly to be murdered, that God may put it into their hertes, for Christes sake, & for Charite to forgiue me, and if there be any here, or els where, whom I haue offended, I shal desire you al for charite sake to forgiue me, & if there be any of you who hath offended me, I do from the bottome of my hert forgiue them, as freely as I trust God of his mercye hath forgiuen me being moost sozy and repentant, & when I shall departe out of thys worlde, that you wil say al, Lord take his spirit into thy hands, & I shal also desire you for christes sake to say with me on your knees our Lordes Praier, which is the Pater noster, & so turning him to the East, & sayd the Lordes Praier, which done, he desired Sir John Sowch to forgiue him, who answered that he dyd forgiue him fro the bottome of his hert, & then going higher on the Ladder said, good people pray for me, & so wyndyng with his eyes sayd, I charge the Satan in Goddes name to depart from me, and suffer my soule to rest in the lord, & than sayd, Domine accipe spiritum meum. And so departed this worlde: on whose soule God haue mercy.

The Praier of the Lord Stourton which he spake kneeling on his knees desiring the people to praye for hym and also say with him.

Lord herken to my wordes, consider the thought of mine hert, behold howe lowde I cry vnto the, let my iust Praier enter into thine eares which vnfa- nedly cometh from myne hert, here me lord for I am pooze and distitute of mans helpe, take care for my soule, saue me thy seruaunt which wholly trust in the, haue mercye vpon me O Lord, for I wil neuer cease cryng to the for helpe for thou art my lord, and more mercifull than my tounge can expresse, as aduerse assaileth me I wyll cry and cal for helpe vnto the, I wil cal vpon the in the day tyme, and in the night my cry shal not be hid from the. O thou god of heauen, the maker of the waters and lord of al creatures, here me a poze synner calling vpon the, and putting my hole trust in thy mercy, O lord what great pleasures thou hast prepared for me in heauen, that I should delight in no earthly thyng but in the, my most pleasure is to cleue faste vnto the, and in the to set my hope and trust, haue mercy vpon me O Lord, O Lorde, God haue mercy vpon me for thy manifolde mercies sake forgiue me al myne offences: I comitt my spirit into thy handes, deliuer me fro the powber of darknes of this worlde, thou hast redeemed me O Lord God of trueth.

In te domine speraui non confunder in eternum, in iusticia tua libera me.

Inclina ad me aurem tuam accelera. et. c.

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